

ABSTRACT

The present invention, in accordance with one embodiment, is directed to a method for routing electronic information to a person using personal internet protocols, instead of to a device using device internet protocols as performed by systems of the prior art. By routing electronic information to a person, the present invention enables electronic information to be transmitted to a device which is known to be in close proximity to the intended recipient. According to one embodiment, the method of the present invention comprises the step of receiving, at a home agent, electronic information addressed to a personal internet protocol address. The home agent forwards the electronic information to a foreign agent, which is coupled to the home agent via Internet. The foreign agent forwards the electronic information to a personal internet protocol agent, which is associated with the personal internet protocol address. The personal internet protocol agent, which may be a computer terminal, telephone, fax machine, set-top box, etc., is associated with the personal internet protocol address upon the user registering with the personal internet protocol agent. The personal internet protocol agent provides the electronic information to a user associated with the personal internet protocol address. Thus, a user may register, by entering his personal internet protocol address with a first personal internet protocol agent, to receive information via Internet at that personal internet protocol agent. When the user leaves the proximity of the personal internet protocol agent, the user may register, by entering his personal internet protocol address with a second personal internet protocol agent, to continue receiving information via Internet at the second personal internet protocol agent.